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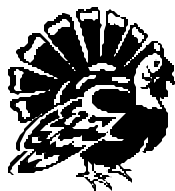
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms steady to weak. Demand seasonally slow. Offerings adequate to instances burdensome. Bulk parts and rib breast trading continued slow. Bulk meat activity centered on a fair volume of frozen destringed tenderloins at fully steady price levels, otherwise slow.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading extremely light for the limited buyer interest.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 24, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/</b>									
<b>OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/</b>									
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2003	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.50**	66.10**	64.00**
CENTRAL REGION	63.50**	64.20	64.63
WESTERN REGION	65.00**	68.28	63.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.50**	59.10**	59.50**
CENTRAL REGION	57.50**	57.20	57.00
WESTERN REGION	59.00**	61.00	58.50

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS****RANGE**

FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS****RANGE**

TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 29-DEC-2003

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	HENS	LBS	TOMS	LBS
	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	81.16	62	76.73	110
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	81.16	62	76.73	110
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

NOVEMBER	421,708*
DECEMBER 1-20, 2003	323,924*
To date 2003	5,536,113*
To date 2002	5,157,986*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-Dec-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	868	-8	20.86	(A)	869 20.86
SATL	743	-4	30.45	(A)	743 30.45
N CENT	2,596	25	28.88	(A)	2,596 28.88
S CENT	543	-3	21.02	(A)	543 21.02
WEST	500	-19	18.94	(A)	500 18.94
U.S. TOTAL	5,250(B)	6	26.02	1	5,251 26.02

TO-DATE

2003 240,394(B) 606 241,000

TO-DATE

2002 239,081(B) 661 239,742

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000 for the year 3,138,000; last year to date 2,720,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 20-Dec-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,490	2,747	13	1	5,251
AVG WT	15.63	35.44	24.33	52.41	26.02
LAST WEEK	2,132	2,805	35	1	4,973
SAME WK YR AGO	1,827	2,903	38	1	4,769
AVG WT	15.21	37.65	26.87	28.23	28.96
TO-DATE/2003	97,219	140,037	3,138	606	241,000
TO-DATE/2002	95,103	141,258	2,720	661	239,742

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 DECEMBER 2003.

The domestic market was slow on most items. Some continued interest was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins at current price levels. The undertone on the balance of white meat items was mostly steady. The undertone on tom bulk parts was barely steady at best on drums and wings, steady on necks. Offerings of tom bulk parts were adequate to ample on drums and wings (both full-cuts and 2-joints), light to adequate on necks. The thigh meat trade sentiment was steady to weak with only limited buyer interest noted. Offerings mixed. The export market was active on frozen mechanically separated turkey 15-20% fat for January-February, 2004 shipments, balance slow. Grade A 8-10 lb. non-basted breasts traded at 91 cents delivered domestic.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	86.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	152.05	472
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	84.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		R	43.19	208
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	110.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	145.00	120
THIGH MEAT		F	86.80	100
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	83.00		83.00	22
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	80.00		80.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	110.00		110.00	11
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	18
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	15.00	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00		40.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.50		16.40	613
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.50		78.50	79

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/24/03**

**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD** ACCUMULATED

NOT AVAILABLE

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DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
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THIGH MEAT--FRESH		T	83.00	22	83.00	22
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	40		
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	82.50		82.50	400	82.27	440
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	110.00		110.00	10	110.00	21
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	16.00	18	16.00	18
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	28	16.00	28
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	42.00		42.00	92	41.07	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40	16.32	653
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	78.50	79	78.50	79

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